

**TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF
MUSEUMS**

**RECORDS
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INTRODUCTION

These are the records of the Tennessee Association of Museums (TAM), established in 1960 as an organization of Tennessee museums and historical societies concerned with historical documentation and presentation. These records include the files of the Tennessee State Museum Association, Inc., established in 1971 as an organization of concerned individuals relative to the Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, Tenn. The donors of these records are Mr. John A. Hesse, president of the Tennessee Association of Museums (1990), Chuckalissa Museum, 1987 Indian Village Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, and Ms. Patricia Hall, secretary, Tennessee Association of Museums. The collection occupies 3.0 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 600 items.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These are the records of the Tennessee Association of Museums (TAM), established in 1960 as an organization composed of Tennessee museums and historical societies. Little information is available on the early history of TAM. Most of the records in this collection date from 1961 to 1990. From previous research, 1960 is recognized as the inaugural year of the Association, and Ms. Louise Davis of Nashville, Tennessee, served as secretary of the TAM. The first president of the group was not mentioned in the collection. Information on the Association begins with records of the 1962 annual meeting, location unknown. The first fully documented annual meeting was the 1968 meeting held in Johnson City, Tennessee, with forty-two institutions represented. The Tennessee Association of Museums holds meetings annually in various locations of Tennessee. The Executive Council of the TAM meets twice a year, however one of these meetings is held concurrent with the organization meeting.

These records are comprised of correspondence, financial documents, printed materials, narratives and nominations for the annual Awards of Merit (established 1971). Series II contains the files of the Tennessee State Museum Association, Inc., established in 1971 as an organization of concerned citizens relating to the Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, Tenn. These records contain correspondences, printed materials, and sketches relative to the organization and the State Museum.

CONTAINER LIST

Box Number 1

Folder No. Description and Date(s)

1. TAM Annual Meeting, 1962.
2. TAM Annual Meeting, Murfreesboro, 1963.
3. TAM Annual Meeting, Johnson City, 1967.
4. TAM Annual Meeting, Nashville, 1968.
5. TAM Annual Meeting, Memphis, 1969.
6. TAM Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, 1970.
7. TAM Annual Meeting, Nashville, 1971.
8. TAM Annual Meeting, Knoxville, 1972.
9. TAM Annual Meeting, Memphis, 1973.
10. TAM Annual Meeting, Fall Creek Falls State Park, 1974.
11. TAM Annual Meeting, Nashville, 1975.
12. TAM Annual Meeting, Knoxville, 1976.
13. TAM Annual Meeting, Memphis, 1977.
14. TAM Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, 1978.
15. TAM Annual Meeting, Memphis, 1980.
16. TAM Annual Meeting, (Knoxville) Oak Ridge, 1981.
17. TAM Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, 1982.
18. TAM Annual Meeting, Nashville, 1983.
19. TAM Annual Meeting, Memphis, 1984.
20. TAM Annual Meeting, Knoxville, 1985.
21. TAM Annual Meeting, Nashville, 1986.
22. TAM Annual Meeting, Memphis, 1987.
23. TAM Annual Meeting, Johnson City, 1988.
24. TAM Annual Meeting, Clarksville, 1989.
25. TAM Annual Meeting, Memphis, 1990.
26. TAM Annual Reports, 1987-88.
27. TAM Awards Committee (Member lists, responsibilities, other documents)
28. Awards of Merit nominations, 1981-82.

Box Number 2

Folder No. Description and Date(s)

1. Awards of Merit nominations, 1983-1984.
2. Awards of Merit nominations, 1985-1986.

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box Number 2

Folder No. Description and Date(s)

3. Awards of Merit nominations, 1987.
4. TAM Calendars and schedules.
5. TAM Constitutions and By-Laws.
6. TAM Consultants Bureau.
7. TAM Correspondence, 1960-1969.
8. TAM Correspondence, 1970-1979.
9. TAM Correspondence, 1980-1989.
10. TAM Correspondence, 1990.
11. TAM Council Handbook.
12. TAM Council Meeting Agendas, 1971-1990.
13. TAM Council Members (Rosters, terms, nominations).
14. TAM Council Minutes, 1968.
15. TAM Council Minutes, 1975-1979.
16. TAM Council Minutes, 1980-1982.
17. TAM Council Minutes, 1983-1984.

Box Number 3

Folder No. Description and Date(s)

1. TAM Council Minutes, 1985-1986.
2. TAM Council Minutes, 1987-1988.
3. TAM Council Minutes, 1989-1990.
4. TAM Council Retreat, Beersheba Springs, TN, Dec. 5-6, 1987.
5. TAM Directory of Cultural Agencies, 1980.
6. TAM Exhibitor, June, 1977-Dec., 1986.
7. TAM Exhibitor, 1987-1989.
8. Financial Documents--[Savings Acct.] Bank Statements, 1969-1976.
9. Financial Documents--Bank Statements, 1972-1976.
10. Financial Documents--Bank Statements, 1977-1978.
11. Financial Documents--Bank Statements, 1979.
12. Financial Documents--Bank Statements, 1980.
13. Financial Documents--Bank Statements, 1981.
14. Financial Documents--Bank Statements, 1982.

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Box Number 4

| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description and Date(s)</u> |
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| 1. | Financial Documents--Bank Statements, 1983. |
| 2. | Financial Documents--Bank Statements, 1984. |
| 3. | Financial Documents--Canceled Checks, 1972. |
| 4. | Financial Documents--Canceled Checks, 1973-1975. |
| 5. | Financial Documents--Canceled Checks, 1979. |
| 6. | Financial Documents--Canceled Checks, 1980. |
| 7. | Financial Documents--Canceled Checks, 1981. |
| 8. | Financial Documents--Canceled Checks, 1982. |
| 9. | Financial Documents--Correspondence, receipts, etc., 1977-1978. |
| 10. | Financial Documents--Correspondence, receipts, etc., 1979. |
| 11. | Financial Documents--Correspondence, receipts, etc., 1980. |
| 12. | Financial Documents--Correspondence, receipts, etc., 1981. |
| 13. | Financial Documents--Correspondence, receipts, etc., 1982. |
| 14. | Financial Documents--Correspondence, receipts, etc., 1983. |
| 15. | Financial Documents--Correspondence, receipts, etc., 1984. |
| 16. | Financial Documents--Dues Billings, 1972-1973. |
| 17. | Financial Documents--Dues Billings, 1973-1974 |
| 18. | Financial Documents--Dues Billings, 1974-1975. |
| 19. | Financial Documents--Dues Billings, 1975-1976. |
| 20. | Financial Documents--Grant Requests, Tenn. Council on Humanities, 1982. |
| 21. | Financial Documents--Spreadsheets, 1980. |
| 22. | Financial Documents--Spreadsheets, 1981. |
| 23. | Financial Documents--Spreadsheets, 1982. |
| 24. | Financial Documents--Spreadsheets, 1983. |
| 25. | Financial Documents--Spreadsheets, 1984. |
| 26. | TAM Financial Reports, 1963-64; 1972-1989. |
| 27. | TAM Grant Projects. |
| 28. | TAM History. |
| 29. | TAM Job Descriptions (Council/Committee Chairs). |
| 30. | TAM Membership Brochures. |
| 31. | TAM Membership Committee. |

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Box Number 5

| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description and Date(s)</u> |
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| 1. | TAM Membership Lists. |
| 2. | TAM Membership Solicitation Letters. |
| 3. | TAM Mid-Year Workshops. |
| 4. | TAM Newsletters (Pre- <u>Exhibitor</u>), 1962-1977. |
| 5. | TAM Photographs: Arrowmont School for Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN (10) Chattanooga Nature Center, Chattanooga, TN (3) Clarksville-Montgomery County Historical Museum, Clarksville, TN (5) Cumberland Museum- <u>Focus on Japan Exhibit</u> , Nashville, TN (7) East Tennessee Historical Society- " <u>Hard Times Remembered</u> " Exhibit (4 slides) Hundred Oaks Castle, Winchester, TN (1) Humboldt Strawberry Festival, Humboldt, TN (1) Jonesborough Civic Trust, Jonesborough, TN (10) Memphis Pink Palace Museum- <u>Mammals of the Mid-South Exhibit</u> (17 slides) Mud Island/Mississippi River Museum, Memphis, TN (5) National Ornamental Metal Museum, Memphis, TN (3) Netherland Inn, Kingsport, TN (12) "Rock Castle," Sumner County, TN (1) Tennessee State Museum- <u>Red Grooms Exhibit</u> (7 photos, 10 slides) Unicoi County Heritage Museum, Erwin, TN (22) |
| 6. | TAM 501.C.3 Tax Exempt Information. |
| 7. | TAM Tax Reform Task Force Committee. |

Box Number 6

Series II: Tennessee State Museum Association, Inc. Files

| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description and Date(s)</u> |
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| 1. | Chairpersons Files, 1977-1983. |
| 2. | Correspondence--Hildebrand Donald D., 1978-1979. |
| 3. | Clippings, Miscellaneous items. |
| 4. | Financial Documents--Grant Requests. |
| 5. | Legal Documents--By-Laws, TSMA, Inc. |
| 6. | Lists--TSMA Board of Trustees. |
| 7. | Memorandum, 1976-1983. |

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Folder No. Description and Date(s)

8. Minutes--TSMA meetings, 1978-1982.
9. Minutes--TSMA Executive Board, 1977-1982.
10. Printed Materials--Document: Planning Study for the Tennessee State Museum, December, 1976.
11. Printed Materials--Publications: The Mosaic/The Cabinet.
12. Reports--TSMA Coordinator, 1978-1979.
13. Reports--TSMA Treasurer, 1976-1982.
14. Sketches--Biographical: Brown, Dr. Ellsworth.
15. Sketches--Places: Tennessee Arts Commission, Nashville, TN.
16. Sketches--Places: Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN.